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For: STABLE MIXTURES CONTAINING OPACIFYING PIGMENTS  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

**In the Specification**

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On page 1, under the Description of Related Art, delete the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph.

On page 1, rewrite the last full paragraph so it reads as follows:

There is a need for stable mixtures containing specific combinations and levels of titanium dioxide, thickeners, and dispersants that may be employed, *inter alia*, as prepaints in a method of making paints or as conventional components in other end-uses where opacifying pigments are employed, including coatings, impregnants, inks, graphic arts, papers, textiles, caulks, mastics, adhesives, sealants, building products and leather.

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